



# Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Public invited to comment on Regional Transportation Planning

Every three years, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration review the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area. This process is administered through the Metropolitan Planning Organization which is a subset of the Mid-Region Council of Governments.

The MPO is a forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area, which includes all of Bernalillo County and the jurisdictions within; portions of southern Sandoval County including the Town of Bernalillo, the Village of Corrales, and the City of Rio Rancho; as well as the Village of Los Lunas in Valencia County.

“The MPO promotes collaboration between all the local governments from the state level on down to neighborhood associations”, says Jack Lord, Transportation Program Manager for the Mid-Region Council of Governments. “Our planning efforts deal with all modes of transportation and try to address issues before they become problems.”

During its tri-annual review, the MPO hosts several meetings – one of which is specifically aimed at obtaining public input. Residents are invited to come and talk directly with representatives from the federal agencies to ask questions and voice their opinions during a Listening Session scheduled for April 4th.

“This is a great opportunity for us to get valuable feedback from the public about transportation planning for the area”, says Lawrence Rael, Executive Director for the Mid-Region Council of Governments. “Our growing region faces many transportation challenges, and the Council of Governments wants to be part of the solution in facilitating ways to deal with future transportation needs.”

### **MPO Public Listening Session**

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm – 7:30pm  
MRCOG Offices  
809 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque  
(Big white house at 8<sup>th</sup> & Copper)

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